

designated agricultural areas; and the adequacy of Article 61 of Chapter 106 of the General Statutes in preserving farmland in this State.

- (6) Ways to improve the business climate for small family farming.
- (7) Ways to promote the small family farmers' role in the environment and in protecting our State's natural resources.
- (8) Ways to promote the small family farmer as a true asset to the State.
- (9) The final reports of other study commissions, task forces, or strategic plans in other states as well as the final report of the National Commission on Small Farms by the United States Department of Agriculture and other resources on the subject of small farm preservation.
- (10) Ways in which the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources, and the Department of Commerce can cooperate to preserve small family farms that are environmentally sustainable and economically viable.

Section 4. (a) The Commission on Small Family Farm Preservation shall consist of 19 members:

- (1) One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (2) One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (3) One member of the Senate appointed by the President Pro Tempore of the Senate.
- (4) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (5) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (6) One member of the House of Representatives appointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.
- (7) One farmer appointed by the Governor who currently operates well-managed small family farms in North Carolina.
- (8) One farmer appointed by the Governor who currently operates well-managed small family farms in North Carolina.
- (9) The Master of the North Carolina State Grange or the Master's designee.
- (10) The President of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation or the President's designee.
- (11) The Commissioner of Agriculture and Consumer Services or the Commissioner's designee.
- (12) The Secretary of Environment and Natural Resources or the Secretary's designee.
- (13) The Secretary of Commerce or the Secretary's designee.
- (14) The Dean of the School of Agriculture and Life Sciences at North Carolina State University or the Dean's designee.